

IN THE CLAIMS

(1) Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

1 1. (Amended) A method for operating a communication system, comprising the
2 steps of:
3 transmitting a first information frame;
4 selectively receiving a first response in response to transmission of the first
5 information frame;
6 measuring a first amount of time between transmission of the first information frame
7 and receipt of the first response; and
8 selectively modifying a response time value in response to the first amount of time,
9 wherein said step of measuring a first amount of time between transmission of the first
10 information frame and receipt of the first response uses a timer operating in response to a
11 clock, and wherein said response time value is a response time value of said timer.

(2) Please cancel Claim 20.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected.

Claim 20 has been canceled herein.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner states that in claim 19, "the word 'means' is preceded by the word(s) 'comprising' in an attempt to use a 'means' clause to recite a claim element as a means for performing a